

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Examiner Interview and claim amendments

The Examiner is thanked for the interview which took place on November 13, 2007, in which the Examiner clarified some of her remarks set forth in the official action.

With respect to claims 1 and 10 and the “grammatically incorrect” objection, the Examiner’s comments were primarily directed to the last whole paragraphs of these two claims. She stated that the setting off of the various phrases with commas made the claim more difficult to read and understand than if that paragraph were broken up into smaller subparagraphs. As the Examiner will note, claims 1 and 10 have been amended in an effort to address this issue. The Examiner also suggested that “or fileset” be set off with commas as opposed to parenthesis. That has been done. Moreover the verbs “select” and “apply” have been changed to “selecting” and “applying” to clarify these claims, although this was not a point specifically raised by the Examiner. The last portion of these claims has also been clarified by identifying two subparagraphs with the letters a. and b. So, there is a test which is made (“determine if the fileset of said first security rule is a complete subset of the fileset of said second security rule” to use the language of claim 1) and then either subparagraph a. or b. is followed based upon the outcome of that test.

With respect to claim 4 the grammatical error observed by the Examiner is found in the expression “defining a modifying security attributes” which has been rewritten as “defining or modifying security attributes” by this response to address that issue.

After discussing the grammatical error issue set forth in paragraph 4 of the official action, our discussion moved to the prior art rejection. The

undersigned indicated that he assumed that the Examiner was reading the top secret security access class discussed in the cited paragraph of Austel upon "first security rule" in the claims and the mere secret security access class upon "second security rule" in the claims. The Examiner agreed. The undersigned then indicated that he did not see how the Examiner was reading the phrase following "and otherwise" on the cited reference. The Examiner indicated she read that limitation on the disclosure in Austel at column 7, lines 17-19 where there is a discussion about the system administrator modifying the security access class of a file.

The passage cited by the Examiner relates to a manual operation by the system administrator (a human being) as opposed to a system operation occurring as a result of the test which is made prior to taking either the branch now identified by the letter a. or the branch now identified by the letter b. Anyway, during the interview the undersigned indicated that hopefully breaking the paragraph up into subparagraphs would help clarify that the claims are referring to a system functionality as opposed to some manual action by a system administrator. The interview then concluded.

The official action

The objections to claims 1, 3 and 10 are fully dealt with above.

The Examiner rejected claims 5, 9 and 12 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Claims 9 and 12 were cancelled by the preliminary amendment filed in this application (something which the Examiner only learned about when the interview was being set up). Anyway, the rejections of claims 9 and 12 do not need to be addressed for obvious reasons. With respect to claim 5, the word 'if' has been deleted from the claim which should deal with the issued raised.

The rejection of the claims in prior art grounds is discussed above in terms of clarify the Examiner's rationale. Claim 1 and 10 have been broken up into additional paragraph which should help make it clear that the phrase which occurs after the words "and otherwise" relates to a task which the system performs as a result of the test ("determine if the fileset of said first security rule is a complete subset of the fileset of said second security rule" to use the language of claim 1) failing as opposed as the result of a manual operation by a system administrator which clearly is not done in response to the recited test failing, but rather done because a file has apparently been mis-classified.

Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 08-2025. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.

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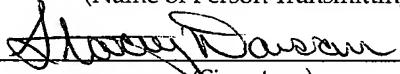
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